I think that allowing cell phone use outside of emergencies would make an airplane ride much more uncomfortable than it already is. However, I think that use of wireless internet on airplane would be very convenient.

Also keep in mind that there are a great many companies that have a financial incentive to remove the cell phone use ban (cell phone companies, for example), and these companies will pay lawyers a great deal of money to file fancy comments about why the ban should be lifted. But, as far as I can think of, there are not many companies with a financial incentive to support the cell phone use ban. As a recent survey showed, however, whether or not large corporations support the ban, the majority of individuals do not want cell phone use to be allowed on airplanes (see "Cell Phones? Not On My Airplane,

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